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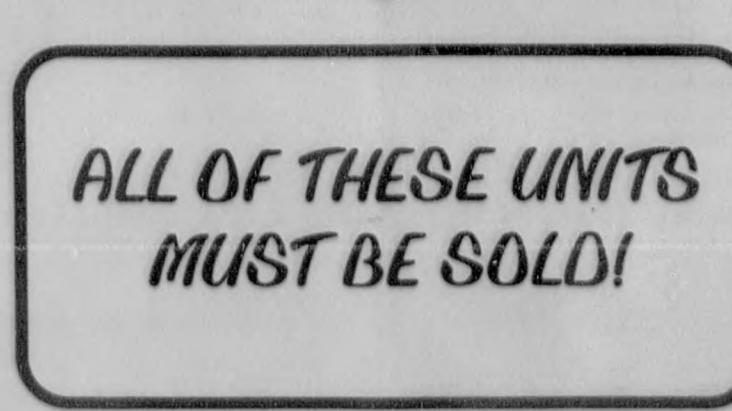
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Sheriff asks commission to fence jail in

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates appeared before the county commission requesting assistance in erecting a perimeter fence around the jail.

During Monday's meeting, Sheriff Moates explained to commissioners that the purpose of the fence was two-fold - for added security and to help deter the smuggling of contraband into prisoners.

Items such as cigarettes, alcohol

and even narcotics are sometimes thrown into areas to which "jail trustees" and "work release inmates" have access to. This "contraband" is then taken into the facility by these persons.

In addition to helping stop the flow of contraband, the jail will serve as another barrier a fleeing inmate would have to hurdle in order to escape the facility.

Sheriff Moates estimates that the proposed fence will cost approximately \$9,000. He told commissioners that his office could contribute \$2,000 toward the construction cost.

After a short discussion, commissioners agreed to consider the matter after the body inspects the jail and reviews the sheriff's proposal.

Coffee County's Forester, Bob DeVaughn, appeared before the commissioners requesting their assistance in purchasing a new 4-wheel drive pick-up truck for the forestry department.

DeVaughn noted that his department had a balance of \$9,695.00 in the budget which could be used toward the purchase of the vehicle on state bid. Currently the state bid on this type vehicle is \$18,539.22.

He further explained that the Alabama State Forestry Department would pay the balance on the cost of the pick-up.

DeVaughn explained that it is much simpler for the local agency - county commissioner - to handle the purchase (paperwork), in conjunction with the county forestry department, in this manner. The transaction will not cost the county any money.

The commissioners agreed to DeVaughn's request.

Commissioners also agreed to look into the possibility of assisting the Boy Scouts with a road problem.

Larry Miller, speaking on behalf of Camp Alafia, asked for help in paying the access road to the camp. He explained that the condition of the road was a hindrance to the facility being accessed by the handicapped campers.

Elba W&E Board meeting short & sweet

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The monthly Elba Water & Electric Board meeting Monday evening was short and sweet, once the payment of monthly bills were approved.

The only problem which surfaced during this meeting was concern over the increased number of utility users on the "late payment" list.

Board members wanted to know why there were so many (about 40) accounts on the delinquent list. City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported the department was working with some who have unique problems, to get them paid up off and the list. He said several others would have their utilities cut this week if

payment wasn't made.

The board members agreed that it is apparently going to be necessary to "get tough" when bills are not paid by the deadline.

Monthly bills totaled \$26,583.15 for the month.

On a more pleasant side, the Board approved a one time \$75 December pay raise for all employees, tracking what the city approved last month.

The board also approved a 3.5% pay raise across the board, also tracking a pattern set by the city council last month.

The rental agreement with the cable TV franchise is due for renewal. Mayor James Grimes, wearing the hat of utility superintendent,

recommended the board increase the pole rental from \$7.50 to \$10.00. He said other area cities are charging at least \$12.50 per pole.

This was approved unanimously. The only question asked was about going up to the \$12.50 others were charging. Grimes said he hated to increase that much at one time and board members agreed.

Water Superintendent Dennis Coleman reported his department had completed 56 work orders, including repairs to 20 leaks and one new customer tap.

He noted the six inch water line on Teresa street is completed and individual home taps should be complete this week.

Several Seminole Drive residents have been converted to the six inch main in hopes to increase their pressure and clear up the "bad water" problem in that area.

The water main extension on Highway 166 is still in the engineering stage, Coleman reported. He said a number of permits are required to do work along state highways.

Electric Superintendent Larry Edkins reported responding to 51 work orders and installing the Christmas lights around town.

The board commended the department for their work in this area.

Request for underground electrical wiring to homes and businesses will be handled when possible. The charges on new construction will be the difference in the cost of installing overhead lines and the cost of the underground work. The cost will include the additional cost of labor installing the underground electrical services. Cost of converting existing services to underground service will therefore be the entire cost of the conversion, since the overhead service is already in place.

Grimes reported that the utility had recently purchased two 1990 3/4 ton truck from the State of Alabama surplus yard for \$18,000. The vehicles odometers have 32,000 and 33,000 miles respectively.

Commissioners explained that the county did not have paving equipment, but they did agree to look into the situation and do what they could in assisting the organization with the project.

Representatives of the Elba Rescue Squad addressed the commission concerning a policy change.

Danny Jordan, spokesperson for the squad, asked commissioners to reconsider their policy of not allowing county personnel who are trained EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) to respond to emergencies while on the job either personally or as a member of a rescue squad.

Jordan told commissioners that a female employee with the county had been told, by her supervisor, that she could no longer respond to rescue calls while on the job. Reportedly, this person was told that this was a commission decision.

"We are not asking anything from the county that other businesses in the Elba area are not already doing," said Jordan. "We are asking that the county support us by donating the use of one of its most valuable resources, medically trained county employees."

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New Brockton's council meeting smooth

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

New Brockton's Town Council wasted little time in moving through its 12-item agenda Monday evening.

It was noted by Mayor Britt Lee that Council member Charles Cole was absent due to a prior commitment.

Mayor Lee began the meeting by talking trash. He noted that several complaints had been received by citizens whose garbage was not being picked up. Some did not even have a garbage can.

Lee told council members that he had contacted the contractor, Royce Harrington, responsible for the town's garbage collection and was working with him in solving the problem.

He noted that some of the problems had been addressed, but others had not. The mayor stated that he would follow up on the matter.

The council introduced ordinances dealing with the franchise agreements with Southeast Alabama Gas District and Covington Electric. Before the ordinances can become effective, the terms of the franchise have to be agreed upon mutually by the council and the grantees (SE Ala. Gas and Covington Electric), and the ordinances have to be read twice.

Monday night's reading will suffice for one time, and the second reading will be in the January meeting of the town council.

Mayor Lee gave the council some good news. He told them that the town had, or soon will receive, two grants from the state totaling \$2,000. The Senior Citizens Center will receive \$1,000 and the police department will receive \$1,000.

He commented, "We want to use this money wisely."

During the discussion of finances, the council voted to discontinue the use of Visa credit cards by the city. The cards will be cancelled and employees traveling will pay their own expenses and then be reimbursed by the town after proper documentation.

The council also agreed to go ahead and pay a note from the bank during the month of December to save the town several dollars in interest.

Mayor Lee noted that the receipt of business license fees had generated adequate funds to pay the note early.

He also noted that after the payment of this month's bills, the town will have a balance in the general fund of \$28,548.44.

The council agreed to pay monthly bus taxes already in place. This did not include a bill from the town's attorney, Joe Sawyer, for \$12,979.90.

Council members instructed the mayor to review the bill with Sawyer. It supposedly covers a 2-year period of time.



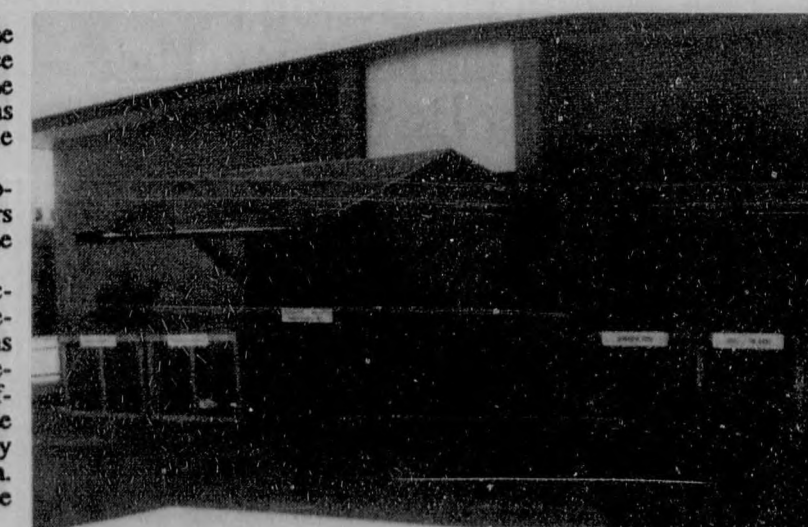
TWO KILLED TWO INJURED... A tragic two-vehicle accident at Turner Crossroads (Intersection of Co. Rd. 603 and AL Hwy. 134) claimed the lives of two people and injured two others. The crash occurred shortly after 10 a.m. Monday. Fatally injured were Ammie "Skip" Junior Fleming, age 83, and Evie Lee Rowe, age 75, of the Shiloh Community located east of Elba. Both Fleming and Rowe were together in a 1984 Oldsmobile being driven by Fleming. Jimmy F. Kilcrease, 40, and Charlie MacAndrews, 40, both of Enterprise, were traveling in a 1989 Chevrolet pick-up. Kilcrease was reportedly driving the truck. Both MacAndrews and Kilcrease were taken to Medical Center Enterprise by rescue units from Opp and Enterprise. Kilcrease was listed in guarded condition while MacAndrews was treated and released. Fleming and Rowe were pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Deputy Coroner Sam Hobbs. The accident is being investigated by the Alabama State Troopers, the Alabama Department of Forensic Science, the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office, and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

New Brockton's council meeting smooth

Mayor Lee and members of the council made it clear they were not refusing to pay the bill, they just want an explanation before making payment.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department, during the past month, answered 9 complaints, made 7 criminal arrests, investigated three accidents (with no injuries), and issued 10 traffic citations.

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RECYCLING DROP SITE ESTABLISHED... The City of Elba has established a recycling drop site and it is now ready to receive recyclable materials. The drop station is located behind the old high school in downtown Elba. There are separate bins in which to place plastic drink bottles, plastic milk bottles, aluminum cans, and aluminum/steel cans. There is a building which will be used to collect and store old newspapers. The public is encouraged to use his drop-off point.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

NEEDY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. The annual Needy Children's Christmas Party is set for Friday, December 20, at the home of Judge and Mrs. Gary McAlley. Any individuals or groups who wish to make a contribution may do so by contacting Eva McGrath at 393-2618 during the day or Janet McAlley at 347-0484 after 5 p.m. or mail the contribution to: The Children's Christmas Fund, 609 West College Street, Enterprise, AL 36330.

MORE TOYS NEEDED. DHR (Department of Human Resources) is in desperate need of more toys - new and used (in need of no repair). The toys will be distributed on Thursday, December 19, to those children in the Elba area in hopes of making their Christmas a little brighter. The City of Elba and the Chamber of Commerce is assisting DHR in this project. Anyone having toys to donate may drop them off at city hall during business hours or the police department.

FORMER PRESIDENT HONORED. MacArthur State Technical College will name the new health sciences building in honor of former president Raymond V. Chisum during a ceremony at 10 a.m. in front of the building on Thursday (TODAY), December 12. Dr. Chisum retired August 30, 1996, after 21 years of service to the college.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Sunday night, December 15th, Elba's own Bob Inman's story "The Summer of Ben Tyler" will be on the Hallmark Hall of Fame (on CBS). We recognized two of the names in the movie... James Woods and Elizabeth McGovern. Bob and wife Paulette have scheduled a trip to Elba right after Christmas, therefore friends need to either be in front of the tube Sunday night or get a friend to tape it. It would be terribly embarrassing to have to tell Bob "Oops, I was watching cartoons, football game or whatever."

Lately we have seen Elba High School featured in some of those 30 second advertising spots on CNN, etc. In commending Principal David Stokes on another Elba High accomplishment, we were told the videos were actually done by Elba High students! That made it doubly impressive. When slapping the younger generation as being a bunch of jerks, or whatever, there has to be exceptions made for some mighty smart young 'uns around Elba who have the get-up-and-go to get there on their own!

We get into trouble writing about City of Elba bookkeeper and Chamber of Commerce man, Herby McCall. He will not agree that it is correct to spell his name Herby. Our plans are to do better Herbie oops - y! Herby continues to point out that his favorite college football team, Troy State, is the best kept secret in the South. Last Saturday the Trojans won the game and the night to travel to Montana for a championship game this Saturday. Elba's Bo Boyd plays on that team and reportedly had a good game Saturday. Apparently the whole team had a good game! Good luck Bo.

Opp's Mike DuBoise was named head football coach at the University of Alabama on Monday of this week. It feels kinda weird, having stood on the sidelines and watched him play high school ball and now he is THE MAN in such a top notch program. By the way, Mike is a brother to Elba's Jim DuBoise, who was in Tuscaloosa Monday for the official announcement of the worst kept secret in Alabama.

The saga of the Olympic bombing continues with a \$500,000 reward being offered by the FBI for information on the bombers(s). NBC has apparently paid Richard Jewel, who was once a suspect in the bombing, some money for something they said about him on TV. There are threats of suing a whole bunch of others who took this man apart like hungry dogs. We ain't in that group. Somehow, the only real evidence we ever heard was someone said that the man (Jewel) wanted to be a hero. Few of us would admit it, but also few could honestly deny having had such thoughts some time in their life... think about the Audie Murphy and John Wayne fans and now followers of Arnold what's-his-name, and others who always win the fight, the war, the court case, the girl, the boy or whatever the prize is in that particular movie. Heck, we just wish everyone could be a hero at least once... that is in the eyes of someone in addition to their young children!

The recycle project is already off and running for the City of Elba. The collection bins are built and ready. We urge Elba folks to support this project by saving cardboard, newspapers, magazines, brown grocery bags, aluminum cans, tin cans and plastic bottles. For now it is a volunteer program. Just drop off your stuff behind the old high school once a week or so.

Iraq can now export oil in exchange for food and medicine, so says the United Nations. The Iraqi government cried about all their starving and sick children as their reason for requesting the UN ban on their exporting oil be lifted. Funny, but if they were so broke, just how were they funding the rebuilding of their huge military machine following Desert Storm?

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

DECEMBER 3 Thru DECEMBER 9, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, December 3, 1996, investigated the following incidents: one property damage, two thefts of property, one reckless endangerment, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one dog bite, one burglary, two criminal mischief, three DUI's, and one resisting arrest.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: one for resisting arrest, one for attempting to elude, and one for robbery.

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: three for speeding, three for DUI, two for no driver's license, two for driver's license required, and one for suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 - River stage - 7.72 feet (6:23 a.m.); Vehicle fire near New Ebenezer Church (3:51 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 - River stage - 7.56 feet (6:49 a.m.); Alarm at Southeast Alabama Gas District office (7:55 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (2:01 p.m.); Subject reported with a gun on U.S. Hwy. 84E (6:06 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 - Shots fired on U.S. Hwy. 84E (3:18 a.m.); River stage - 7.72 feet (6:23 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (9:27 a.m.); Disturbance reported on AL Hwy. 84E (5:21 p.m.); Disturbance reported in the Peoples Bank parking lot (10:14 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 - River stage - 6.01 feet (6:18 a.m.); Vehicle burglary at Burch's Trailer Court (7:29 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (9:27 a.m.); Disturbance reported on AL Hwy. 84E (5:21 p.m.); Disturbance reported in the Peoples Bank parking lot (10:14 p.m.).

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December 12-13

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II - MARKS ATTACKS! (PG-13)

III - JERRY MAGUIRE (R)

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ELBA MOUNTAIN ASSN. Tues. - 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:15 p.m. City Hall

WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. - 5:15 p.m. City Hall (after City Council meeting)

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

LEGISLATIVE - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office

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RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 a.m. - Rescue Squad Building

MASONIC LODGE 178 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School

VETERANS SERVICE - 1st Mon. - 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 194-2823

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Remaining Cabinet Vacancies Deserve Nation's Attention

Last week, I wrote about the impact of the Clinton Administration's stopgap appointments on national policy for the next four years. A few days ago the President filled several of those key vacancies. Who he chooses for the nation's remaining top appointments should be watched closely. In the case of one cabinet seat, the future of America's nuclear stockpile—a key component of our national defense—is at risk.

The President recently announced his choices to replace outgoing Secretary of Defense William Perry and Secretary of State Warren Christopher. These gentlemen serve as the President's key advisors on, and implementers of, American foreign policy. I am pleased that the President wasted little time to fill these slots. The world must have an uninterrupted, consistent signal that Washington is still the preeminent superpower.

To fill the shoes of Secretary of Defense Perry, the President has tapped retiring Senator William Cohen, R-Maine. To follow Christopher, Madeleine Albright has been selected to serve as our next Secretary of State. Once they are confirmed by the Senate, a world of work awaits them. Trouble spots from Rwanda and Bosnia/Serbia, to North Korea, the Middle East, Iraq and the former Soviet republics—name a few—are stand ready to test their skills.

But the heavy lifting is not yet over for the Clinton Administration. Equally important is the President's selection of his remaining Cabinet vacancies including Secretary of Energy, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Secretary of Transportation. Of particular interest is the replacement for outgoing Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, whose awesome responsibility of maintaining America's nuclear stockpile is currently under fire.

In the new Administration, America needs a Secretary of Energy who will not allow the declassifying of sensitive information concerning the location of American plutonium and enriched uranium stores as Mrs. O'Leary has done.

We must have someone with a true sense of our long-term national security and who will put the best interest of the American people first.

I hope the President will act accordingly to nominate a suitable Secretary of Energy. Americans should pay close attention to his decision.

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SEVEN TRUSTEES APPOINTED TO AEC BOARD... Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC) elected seven new trustees to serve on its board during board meetings in September and October. In the photo above are (from left) Cleve Roberson, Fred Winkler, Russell Dunaway, W.E. "Buddy" Linzy, James E. Grimes, Robert H. Senn Sr., Steve Brill, and James Vann.

Seven Trustees elected to AEC's board

Seven trustees were elected to Alabama Electric Cooperative's (AEC) board of trustees during board meetings in September and October. Cleve Roberson, Southern Pine EC, Brewton, AL and Russell Dunaway, West Florida EC, Graceville, FL, were elected to AEC's board October 25. Grimes is the newly elected mayor of Elba, and he earned a bachelor's degree in general business from the University of Alabama. He was appointed to the Nominating Committee and Member Relations and External Affairs Committee.

AEC's 42-member board of trustees includes two voting delegates from each of its 21 member-owners. These trustees are charged with establishing the cooperative's policies and objectives.

AEC's 21 member-owners serve more than 300,000 members in 39 counties in central and south Alabama and 10 counties in northwest Florida.

The Chamber of Commerce announced Elba's 1996 Christmas ornaments are now on sale. The ninth edition, a beautiful cream with hunter green, features the old Coffee County Jail. The limited edition ornaments may be purchased at \$10.00 at Bradley's Florist, Elba Florist, Elba Frame & Gift, Elba Public Library, Haywood's Discount Drug Store, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Ricay Jewelers, Peoples Bank, The Jewel Box, Whitman's Drug Store, and the Chamber of Commerce office. These ornaments are individually boxed and make lovely "touch of home" gifts for former residents of Elba. Proceeds from the sale of this year's ornaments will go toward restoration of the old Coffee County Jail. The chamber also has a limited number of previous year's ornaments that may be purchased at \$5.00 each. These are available in the chamber office in City Hall. Ornaments are 1991 (Veteran's Memorial Park), 1992 (Elba City Hall), 1993 (Miller Memorial Stadium), 1994 (Elba Elementary School), and 1995 (Elba Public Library).

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Outstanding area business & professional people sought by Rotarians for visit to Philippines

Rotarians of South Alabama (District 8880) are seeking four outstanding business and professional people to visit the Philippines in Spring, 1997 through the Group Study Exchange Program of The Rotary Foundation. The program strives to improve international understanding by enabling people from different countries to learn from each other on a personal level. The awards involve exchanging teams of business and professional people for six-week visits. While abroad, team members stay with Rotarians to observe their host's way of life and study the nation's economic, social, and cultural characteristics through travel and discussions within participating Rotary districts. Team members also have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. Please respond by December 20.

American Cancer Society recommends close check of any charitable organization before contributing

The Coffee County Unit of the American Cancer Society is asking people to scrutinize any charitable organization to which they contribute money. As the oldest and largest private nonprofit cancer organization in the county, the American Cancer Society wants individuals to take a careful look at the difference between organizations before they donate. Charities Information Bureau recommends that administrative costs should not exceed 15% of the total budget. If the legitimacy of the charity is still in question, contributors should contact the Better Business Bureau and ask whether the group meets required standards.

In a number of ever-increasing nonprofit organizations, many donors are confused by the growing number of charities and their missions. This problem is compounded by some organizations misleading the public about their charitable intent, as well as using names and symbols similar to those of legitimate operations. Contributors should take a few minutes to evaluate charitable organizations before they give. The American Cancer Society suggests these simple steps:

1. Request a copy of an annual report that shows an independent audit by a certified public accountant. An organization's willingness to disclose financial information and show proof of how it spends money is very important.

2. Carefully review the organization's literature. What the organization does, stated mission, program, etc. should be clearly spelled out in any informational materials distributed by the charity.

3. The group should have an identifiable management and board. An organization promising research and services should have recognized medical professionals on its board or its staff.

4. Ask about the organization's administrative costs. The National

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** Canned Food Drive **

by Bridget Money

Jim Turner (left) and Matthew Richards (right) are members of the seventh grade class who are enrolled in Keyboarding Applications instructed by Mrs. Rachel Bryan. They are pictured with the collection of canned food that was the result of the first day of a canned food drive sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA). On the drive's first day, their class brought in the most canned food.

The canned food drive is for the kid-

ney dialysis patients in Troy. These patients depend on these food items for their Christmas. Zion Chapel High School and Elementary are competing to see who can collect the most canned foods. The cans will be collected and counted at the end of first period every day. The drive began December 5 and will continue through December 18. The first period class with the highest percentage of cans collected per class member will earn a pizza party as a reward.

Conic Section Models



by Heather Vaughan

To provide a way for other to understand what conic sections are is the reason that students who are members of the advanced math class made models of a circle, a hyperbola, a parabola, and an ellipse.

Each model included the name, the definition, the characteristics, and examples of a conic section.

As a result of these models, other students can better understand what conic sections are by having a tangible model instead of having to imagine what they are.

Heather Vaughan, Amber Shiver, Julie Carter, and Hanna Whit made the four models. Mrs. Lori McCrory is the instructor of advanced math.

Tell'em you read it in...
THE ELBA CLIPPER



Westbrook Addresses FBLA

by Julie Carter

Mrs. Linda Westbrook, Coffee County Commissioner from District 1, was the guest speaker at the last meeting of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Mrs. Westbrook spoke about her career in business and venture into local politics.

Williams called the meeting to order and introduced Mrs. Westbrook who was first on the program because her schedule required her to be somewhere else later in the day. Mrs. Westbrook spoke about her career in business and about the value of education. Mrs. Westbrook said, "Learn all you can today because in the future you will wish you had." Mrs. Westbrook is a graduate of Oph High School and the University of Montevallo. She worked in the accounting field for 25 years. In January she made a career change and became an agent for Woodmen of the World Insurance.

When asked why she decided to run for county commissioner, she said she wanted to run because she saw needs in her area and that the maintenance of the landfill was one of her major concerns. The landfill is the first of two landfills in the state. She thought she was personally qualified for the position so she decided to run. Mrs. Westbrook said that she thought that her business background was an asset.

After Mrs. Westbrook spoke, Tiffany Lewis and Twanna Haynes led the Chapter in the recitation of the FBLA Creed. Secretary Bridget Money called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. There were no corrections to the minutes and they were approved as read. Treasurer Twanna Haynes reported that there was over \$800 still outstanding from the jewelry sale and that this \$800 represented the profit for the Chapter.

Buck Contest

by Ashley Thomas

Zion Chapel FFA is currently holding its annual Big Buck Contest. Any ZC FFA member can enter. Deer heads must be brought to Mr. John McCrory in the Agri-Business Department so that they can be measured.

The contest began on October 15 and will end on January 31. The heads will be judged by inside and outside spreads and circumference. The winner of the contest will receive a gunnark. Second and third prizes will be determined after all the deer are entered.

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CO-OP SPOTLIGHT



by Vanessa McCraney

Daniel Pridgen at Kelly's Barbecue, where he cooks, washes dishes, works at the cash register, and assists people. Daniel can be found working after school so go on in and have something to eat because Daniel said, "Come in and we will fix you up."

An education is something that can't be taken away from you!
GO FOR IT!!!

** Rebel JV Basketball **

GIRLS

Amy Collins led the scoring for Zion Chapel in a game that New Brockton won by only a very narrow margin. At the end of the game New Brockton had 21 points to Zion Chapel's 19.

During the first quarter both teams played a very defensive game. Turnovers hurt both and both struggled to score. In fact, the only difference in the two teams during the first quarter were some mistakes made on defense. When the quarter was over Zion Chapel had zero points and New Brockton had 6.

During the second quarter Dana Boggess scored first and Renea Dismukes followed with 2 points. A little later Amy Collins hit a 3-pointer making the score Zion Chapel 7, New Brockton 8. With only 57 seconds left in the half, Marlena Kerr scored giving Zion Chapel the lead. It was not to last for long because with only 8 seconds left on the clock New Brockton scored and the half ended at Zion Chapel 9, New Brockton 10.

Early in the third quarter Jessica Kelley gave Zion Chapel a 1-point lead by setting a rebound and putting it in. Marlena Kerr added to that lead by 3 points with her third and fourth points of the night. Late in the quarter Renea hit her second shot of the evening to give the Rebels a 4-point lead. By the end of the quarter the lead had been cut to 2 with Zion Chapel at 15 and New Brockton at 13.

Early in the fourth quarter New Brockton was able to hit enough shots to tie the game. Then Zion Chapel gave up two free throws and found themselves behind by just 1 point. Amy Collins hit 1 out of 2 free shots to tie the game again but New Brockton grabbed the ball, hurried it back down the court and scored.

Home Ec Thanksgiving Dinner

by Tiffany Lewis

A Thanksgiving Dinner was prepared by the members of the first period Home Economics Class under the supervision of Mrs. Joie Hobbs. The meal was served just before school was dismissed for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The menu for the meal included turkey, dressing, string beans, strawberry gelatin salad, whole kernel corn, dumplings, and dinner rolls. Desserts served were cheesecake and pecan pie.

The special guests for the meal were Mr. Rodger Bowden, superintendent of Coffee County Schools and Mrs. June Brown, supervisor of Special Education programs and elementary instruction. Other guests were Dr. Linda Ingram, school principal, and teachers, Mrs. Rachel Bryan and Mrs. Sonya Shaw. Staff members Mrs. Rebecca Jackson and Mrs. Edna Mobley were guests. Alumni Randy Jackson was also a guest. Randy, a college student, was substituting on the day of the meal.

FHA Meets

by Twanna Haynes

The November meeting of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) was held to order by President Tiffany Lewis. Vice President Amy Edmonds led the members of the chapters as they recited the FHA Creed.

Secretary Amanda Sanders called the roll and found that the quorum needed to conduct business was present.

The first order of business was an announcement about the Chapter winning second place at the Peanut Festival with the exhibit. It was announced that the second prize was \$300. The next business discussed was the success of the cake walk held at the Fall Festival. It was reported that FHA has raised approximately \$190. It was decided that \$150 of this money would be donated to a student to help with medical expenses.

Mrs. Rhonda Little, a teacher at Zion Chapel FBLA, SADD, VICA. He attends Greater New Zion. Ayndes goals for this year are to graduate, make very good grades, achieve everything he's set out to do, and to have fun. His plans after high school are to attend college, to go into the army and possibly a good paying job. His favorite activities are hanging out with friends, taking on the phone, and playing with his dog, Hesta.

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Seniors of the Week

by Carla Gray

Melissa Kidd is the daughter of Glenda and Danny Kidd. Her hobbies are: Riding horses, playing softball, and being with her friends and her fiancée Chris. She attends Faith Chapel. Melissa's goal for this year is to do good in school so she can graduate in May. Her plans after high school are to get married to Chris and to attend college.

Arlene Cumberland is the son of Martha Procter and Eldard Cumberland. His hobbies are: playing football, video games, music, art, and cooking. He's a member of FBLA, SADD, VICA. He attends Greater New Zion. Arlene's goals for this year are to graduate, make very good grades, achieve everything he's set out to do, and to have fun. His plans after high school are to attend college, to go into the army and possibly a good paying job. His favorite activities are hanging out with friends, taking on the phone, and playing with his dog, Hesta.

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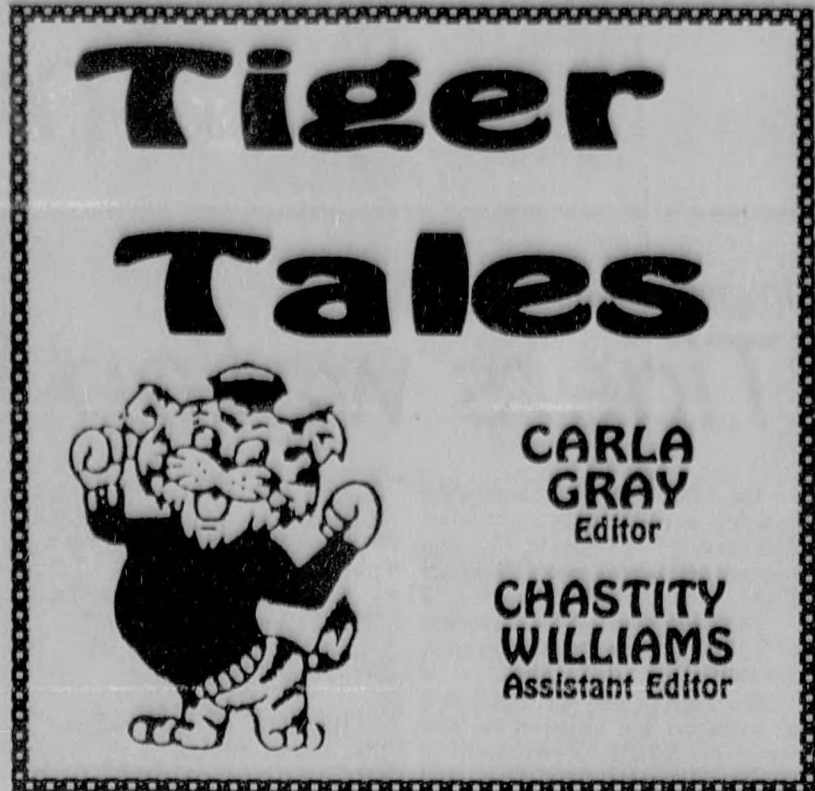
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Elbala Meets 1st Deadline

by Britany McCall

As you all probably know, the 1996-97 Elbala is already underway. This year's Journalism Staff has been working very hard to make this yearbook some very unique. Various changes have been made to give the '96-97 Elbala a new character, while at the same time many traditions are still being continued. As this yearbook has slowly developed, the Staff

finally approached the first deadline in which the first sixteen pages have to be completed, and turned in to the Jostens Yearbook Plant where they will process these pages as color pages, spot color pages, or black and white pages. The first sixteen pages includes the Student Life section and the introductory pages to the Sports section.

Although there has been many headaches throughout this difficult time, I can clearly say we all are trying our best to make this the most memorable yearbook the Elba City Schools has ever had.

It's not a skill that can be taught, but kids can be guided in their understanding of prayers. So, try it. It works. But remember, "prayer in doubt and you'll go without." God bless.

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Thursday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Friday - Cheese Grits & Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk.
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Wednesday - Hamburger, French Fries, Green Beans, 1/2 Pear, Milk.
Thursday - Turkey Wiggle, Cranberry Sauce, Peas & Carrots, 1/2 Orange, Roll, Jello, Milk.
Friday - School Dismissed at Lunch.

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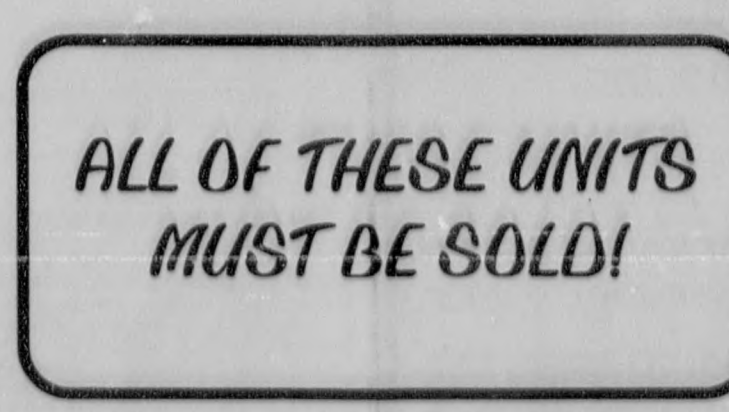
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Coffee County Schools receive report card

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The State of Alabama's State Superintendent of Education released the first report card on each of the 127 local school systems in the state.

This concept of letting the schools know how they are measuring up was initiated by State Superintendent Ed Richardson.

Not only is the report card easy for educators to read, it can also be easily interpreted by parents of children in the system.

The report card provides indicators of the school system's performance and gives it a grade of A, B, C, D or F.

Basically, the report card contains test score data compiled from the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) in grades 3 through 11; the high school exit exam; and the writing tests in grades 5 through 7.

Also included is data on enrollment; average daily attendance; current expenditures per pupil in average daily attendance; the percentage of students eligible for free/reduced price on lunches; percentage of teachers with advanced degrees; percentage of federal and local revenues and local tax effort for schools.

Roger Bowden, Superintendent of Coffee County Schools, stated, "We received a B on the Stanford Achievement Test system wide. This is something we are very proud of."

He added, "Our scores went up in every grade level except grades 3 and 5."

"Our students performed admirably in the exit exam making two B's and a C," Bowden said. "There is room for improvement here and we will strive to do better!"

Bowden has met with each of the principals in the county system's three schools and emphasized to them the importance of doing well on the report card.

Next year, in lieu of a system-wide report card, each school will receive one.

Bowden, the members of the board of education, principals and teachers have placed a high priority on preparing students for the standardized tests that determines the grades given on the report card.

"We ask that each parent also help by seeing that their children attend school regularly, see that they behave in class and do the work required of them," said Bowden.

"Hopefully, together, we can show improvement on a yearly basis. This is the goal that we have established for our schools."

"Hopefully, together, we can show improvement..."
Rodger Bowden

The following is a break-down of achievement and other indicators for determining the grade on the report card.

1. SAT (Stanford Achievement Test) percentile score by grade:

Grade 3 - 60 (1994-95); 54 (1995-96).

Grade 4 - 54 (1994-95); 63 (1995-96).

Grade 5 - 62 (1994-95); 59 (1995-96).

Grade 6 - 53 (1994-95); 69 (1995-96).

Grade 7 - 43 (1994-95); 58 (1995-96).

Grade 8 - 50 (1994-95); 60 (1995-96).

Grade 9 - 52 (1994-94); 62 (1995-96).

Grade 10 - 53 (1994-95); 55 (1995-96).

Grade 11 - 46 (1994-95); 57 (1995-96).

Grade 12 - 52 (1994-95); 50.8 (1995-96).

2. SAT Average:

Grades 3-11: 52 (C+) (1994-95);

60 (B) (1995-96).

3. System OLSAT (Otis-Lennon School Ability Test):

Grades 3-11: 48 (1994-95); 57 (1995-96). The national average percentage is the 50 percentile.

4. ACT Test Scores (1994-95): 20.3. (The national average is 20.8 and the state average is 19.3).

5. High School Exit Exam:

Reading: 92 (B) (1994-95); 90 (B) (1995-96).

Language: 80 (C-) (1994-95); 81 (C-) (1995-96).

Math: 83 (C) (1994-95); 90 (B) (1995-96).

The state average is 86% for reading, 82% for mathematics, and 78% for language.

6. Enrollment:

1,972 students in 1994-95; 2,094 students in 1995-96.

7. Average Daily Attendance:

96.9% in 1994-95; 95.8% in 1995-96. The state average in ADA is 96.1%.

8. Current Expenditures Per Child in ADA (average daily attendance):

\$4,416.00 (1994-95). The state average is \$4,458 while the Southern Regional Board states' average is \$5,220.

9. Free/Reduced Lunch Eligibility:

42% in 1994-95.

10. Professional Certification:

AA Certificate or above: 4.3% in 1994-95; 3.2% in 1995-96.

Master's (Class A) Certificate: 43.6% in 1994-95; 45.2% in 1995-96.

Bachelor's (Class B) Certificate: 52.1% in 1994-95; 50.8 in 1995-96.

11. Total Revenues (1994-95):

Percent State Revenue - 68.1 (state average is 69.3 and national average is 46);

Percent Local Revenue - 18.8 (state average is 19.3 and national average is 46.7);

Percent Federal Revenue - 13.3 (state average is 11.3 and national average is 34.6).

average is 7.2).

12. Mills Equivalent (1995-96): This total amount of revenue collected locally, minus insurance and tuition, for public school purposes divided by the value of one regular district mill of ad valorem tax. The state average is 36.1 mills equivalent.

Score: 25.56 - Grade: Poor.

Elba City Schools top ranked in state

By Fern Cox, Publisher

The December meeting of the Elba City School Board was upbeat as board members heard plans for Christmas and gloved with pride at recent state education department announcements which place the Elba schools among the top ranked facilities in Alabama.

The Alabama State Superintendent of Education recently issued his grading of all Alabama public schools. Only eleven in the state received an A/B grade. Elba was the only school system in the Wiregrass to receive this high mark.

To commemorate the achievement and stress the importance of keeping up the pace, the administration planned special assembly programs, with key local school and community leaders, to congratulate teachers and students alike.

Donated soft drinks and bags of peanuts were on the menu for the event. Each teacher and student was also given a shirt pin commemorating the achievement award.

Board members acknowledged their pride in the accomplishments of the staff and students, but cautioned it was a high standard to maintain from year to year.

Superintendent Charles Pearce voiced the sentiments shared by the entire board with the following statement, "We do a lot for a winning football team, but when we can recognize our staff and students for academic achievement and people of effort to come tell them how great the accomplishment is, we need to take advantage of it."

Board members were also invited to a Christmas reception at the cen-

tral office on December 17th.

The board approved the retirement from the elementary school to comply with mandates from the lunchroom of Mrs. Mary Vaughan. Her retirement is effective on December 31st.

Board members were given an update about ongoing construction projects, including the new bus barn. Pearce explained that the total cost would be \$253,000. This will come from Elba's portion of last year's state bond issue and funds in the system's capital projects fund.

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Local conservation district honored with Grand Award

The Coffee County Conservation District of Alabama, represented by Robert English of Elba, Alabama, has been honored as a Grand Award District in the 49th annual Conservation Awards Program.

The event is sponsored jointly by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and The National Association of Conservation Districts.

English represented the district during a work/study program for award winners held December 5 through 9 at the Camelback Inn Resort in Scottsdale, AZ.

Since 1947, the Goodyear/NACD Conservation Awards Program has encouraged and rewarded local effort to protect and conserve soil, water, forests, wildlife and other natural resources.

Winning districts are selected on the basis of their success in develop-



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ing and implementing an annual plan for delivering district programs and services.

"The success of conservation districts is vital to the protection of our country's natural resources," said Goodyear's Tom Ford, marketing director for off-the-road and farm tires.

"This program assists local districts in their efforts to serve the community and recognizes those that have done an outstanding job of delivering quality conservation programs and services."

Coffee County was one of 57 local conservation districts chosen as grand award winners based on their achievements during 1995. Nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts nationwide were eligible for the award.

State troopers urge motorist to be safe and drive sober

by Marvin McLain, Editor

Alabama State Troopers encourage Alabama motorists to drive defensively, use safety belts and child restraints, obey speed limits and all other traffic laws and abstain from drinking and driving throughout the holiday season.

The month of December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

Last Friday, Dec. 13, troopers ask the motoring public to join them in driving with their headlights on throughout the day.

This one-day observance was in memory of persons killed and injured by impaired drivers. It also served as a reminder that law enforcement officers will especially target impaired drivers during the holiday season.

All available troopers will be on patrol during peak holiday travel times to arrest drunken drivers, speeders and other hazardous drivers. Troopers will also display red ribbons on their vehicles in memory of victims of drunken driving.

The Alabama Department of Public Safety estimates that seven people will lose their lives in traffic wrecks during the 30-hour Christmas travel period, which begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 24, and ends at midnight Wednesday, December 25.

In 1995, eight people died in traffic accidents on Alabama roadways during a 78-hour Christmas period, six on rural roads and two in urban areas. Alcohol was a factor in at least four of the deaths, and five of the wreck victims were not using safety belts.

The traffic fatality prediction for

TOP GUNS...After the Elba Police Department's individual competition on the firing range, the three shifts and investigation department (The Bureau) lined up and shot in group competition. The Bureau (as the group refers to themselves) were the winners of the Top Gun Award. They are pictured above (l-r): Inv. Johnny Senn, Sgt. Jack Herbert (a member of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department who works out of the Elba PD with the 12th Judicial Circuit's Drug Task Force), Inv. Steve Tolver, and Lt. Freddy Hanchey.



FRIENDLY FIRE...Recently, members of the Elba Police Department participated in some friendly competition on the department's firing range. Officers competed using the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission's 50-round basic police handgun course. After the smoke had cleared the individual winners were determined. They are pictured above (l-r): Inv. Johnny Senn - Marksman 1st Place; Patrolman Andy Gunter - Marksman 2nd Place; Patrolman Kenny Jackson - Sharpshooter - 2nd Place; Lt. Freddy Hanchey - Sharpshooter 1st Place; Patrolman Kevin Burke - Marksman 1st Place; and Patrolman Joe Peacock - Marksman - 2nd Place.

HAPPENINGS

NEEDY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. The annual Needy Children's Christmas Party is set for Friday, December 20, at the home of Judge and Mrs. Gary McAlley. Any individuals or groups who wish to make a contribution may do so by contacting Eva McGrath at 393-2618 during the day or Janet McAlley at 347-0484 after 5 p.m. or mail the contribution to: The Children's Christmas Fund, 609 West College Street, Enterprise, AL 36330.

HOLIDAY CLOSING ANNOUNCED. City of Elba: city offices will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 & 25. Stand-by crews for emergencies with water, electrical, street or sewer will be available by calling the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The ONLY change in the garbage collection schedule will be as follows: Wednesday's route will run on Thursday; New Brockton: city offices will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 & 25; Coffee County: county offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 & 25; Veterans Service office in County Complex in New Brockton will be closed December 24 through January 1. In case of a medical emergency call the VA Hospital in Montgomery at (334)272-4670.

COMMISSION MEETING: The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, December 23, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.